

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, February 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Jonathan Phillips, Silk Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. City Council: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice. *Absent:* Councilmember Rosetta Cody.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Benny Gooze, Public Works Director; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Kurt Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief; Scott Robider; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; and Ben Brengman, IT Director.

Presentation- 2018 Firefighter of the Year: Mayor Bethune, Chief Medeiros, and Assistant Chief Lewis recognized Jeff Mills as Firefighter of the Year.

Presentation – 2019 Police Officer of the 1st Quarter: Mayor Bethune and Chief Ballard recognized Corporal Shane Glasco as Police Officer of the Quarter.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes (2/4/19) and workshop synopsis (2/11/19).

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning & Zoning Department's report for the month of January.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works and Water Operations report for the month of January.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report for the month of January.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of January.

City Manager Updates and Announcements: City Manager said I have no updated or announcements.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Board of Zoning Appeals / Planning Commission Appointment: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council to appoint Jeff Ashley to serve the remaining term of Garland Saunders on the Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission until a successor is appointed by City Council at the first regular Council meeting in January 2022.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GDOT Highway 307 (Dean Forest Rd.) Beautification Grant Award: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council to contract with ELP Landscaping Services for the installation and maintenance of landscaping in the median on Highway 307/Dean Forest Road between Sunshine Avenue and Town Center Drive.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Biscuit Hill Road Right of Way Abandonment: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council to permanently close and vacate the northern 1,000 feet, more or less, of the portion of Biscuit Hill Road North of the Georgia Railway 150-foot right-of-way running between Centerpoint Intermodal Future Development of Parcel 2.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by City Council seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.